

Austin, Texas, May 6th 1907
 Regular Meeting of the City Council
 Hon W M Madday Mayor, presiding,
 All called

Present Aldermen Armstrong, Crocker Erneia ~~Frank~~
 Meredith Moore Moreland Pelti Powell Redd Scott
 Smith Wilhelm

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Absent none

On motion the minutes were approved as recorded by the
 Clerk without reading.

Petitions etc

Citizens to remove
obstruction west

By Alderman Powell, petition of citizens asking that
 obstruction be removed from W 5th Street. The petition was read
 Alderman Powell offered the following resolution
 Whereas, certain parties of the City of Austin have recently fenced
 up lots 6, 7, 8 and 9 of Hayes subdivision of lots Nos 5, 6, 7 and 8 in
 Block 10 of Raymond Plaza, a subdivision of outlot No 11,
 Division 5 of the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, which
 said lots or a part of same are claimed by the City of Austin.
 Under and by virtue of an agreement with the Austin and
 Suburban Railway Company, and which said lots or part
 of same have been used for about fifteen (15) years by
 the inhabitants of the City of Austin for street and sidewalk
 purposes, and which said lots the City of Austin claims
 to have a prescriptive right to occupy for street purposes; and
 Whereas, the citizens of the City of Austin residing in
 the immediate vicinity of said lots now have no
 means of exit or approach to their respective homes
 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of
 Austin, that the City Attorney be and he is hereby
 instructed to immediately institute proceedings in the
 proper court for the purpose of compelling the party
 or parties erecting said fence in and around said lots
 to tear down said fence and open said street, and to
 do any and all things considered necessary by the
 said City Attorney to afford relief to the citizens in and
 around said lots, and for the protection of said property.
 The resolution was adopted by the following vote
^{Armstrong} Aldermen Crocker Erneia ~~Frank~~
 Meredith Moore Moreland Pelti Powell Redd Scott
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Moved None.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from R L
 Brown et al proprietors of Central Episcopal Church asking
 correction of assessment - Read and on motion referred to
 the Claims & accounts Committee

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Mr.
 ... asking to have strain commissioners reinstated.

Worthless bonds

& I authorized
to erect awningStreet Rent Engineer
Town Pipe

Reports City Engineer

On report - - - - -

Reports Tax Com

Street general

Read and referred to the Committee on Claims and accounts
 The Mayor laid before the Council a Petition from E. G.
 Bartholomew asking permission to erect a cloth awning in
 front of building Congress Avenue & 10th Street Read and on motion
 referred to the Street Committee

The Mayor laid before the Council a Communication from
 the Street Committee and City Engineer asking that the
 water main on the south side of 11th Street from Colorado to Lavaca
 Streets be lowered Read and on motion referred to the Water
 Light Commission

Reports of City officers

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the
 Assessor Collector for March & April, 1907, and that of the
 City Clerk, the Marshal & Sexton for April 1907, which were
 on motion referred to their appropriate Committees,
 without reading

The report of the Water Light Commission for the quarter
 ending March 31st, 1907 was read and ordered published

Report of Shading Committee.

Alderman Redd for the Street Committee presented the
 following report

Austin, Texas, May 14th 1907

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin
 Gentlemen:

I, C. Your Street Committee, beg leave to
 make the following General report
 That the free Committee and City Engineers visited
 the office of the Chairman on the 20th of April
 The subject of Street work was informally discussed
 Alderman Redd asked the City Engineer if he
 had a list of the teams and horses & drivers hand
 Mr. Leonard then handed in the following list
 together with its condition

One pair of Good Mules, seven and eight years old
 One pair Mules, eighteen and twenty years old, no good
 One set of harness good repair
 Two sets harness bad repair
 Three old wagons run down
 One Mule & sled
 Three horses in good repair
 One Fragon in fair shape
 Three steel scrapers and two drag slips in good repair
 Four slips worn out
 Twenty shovels badly worn
 Fourteen picks six Mattocks in good shape
 Four rakes good
 Five log Chipping, one pair worn
 Three broken bars four Drills. One block and fall undrilled
 with it

Ten hand carts, Two weeding hoes, One full set pipe tools
One set bridge tools One cross cut saw and two adze axes
Two small rock hammers Ten large rock hammers
Three neck yokes

With this inadequate equipment and with only an estimated
street fund of \$18,970.⁰⁰ less \$1,317.⁷² already appropriated
and due the City Hall fund leaving only \$17,653 to keep in
repair over three hundred miles of streets and the necessary
extensions for the next eight months is a task that will
require the most rigid economy on the part of the street
Committee and the City Engineer.

The fund that \$1980- was paid out last year for extra
horses on street work and we believe that it will be in
the interest of economy for the City to own its own teams
and we would recommend to the Council the purchase
of two good mule teams, one new wagon, two dump carts
and two sets of single harness to be added to the street
equipment. The estimated cost to be about \$1000.⁰⁰
This would require the regular employment of three more
men at a yearly salary of \$1440.⁰⁰

The City Engineer reported to your street Committee that
many of our citizens desired to take advantage of the
ordinance to extend their curb line that the curb lines
should be uniform as to line of grade and that to establish
these lines a practical resurvey of the City would be
necessary and that his time was so occupied that
it was impossible for him to do the work and oversee the
regular street work.

The estimated that \$500.⁰⁰ would cover the cost of
the survey of the streets where the extensions would be
mostly called for.

Your Committee recognized the importance of this
work and Alderman Moore suggested that as the
work was of a permanent nature that we ask the
Paving Committee to recommend to the City Council
that \$500.⁰⁰ be appropriated out of the Permanent
Street Fund to defray this expense which the Paving
Committee have agreed to recommend to your
honorable body. Such amount to be used under
direction of the Paving and Street Committee and
the City Engineer.

We believe that more and better work could be had
from the City prisoners if the City Engineer were allowed
to use his discretion as to the amount each prisoner should
receive for a day's work and we recommend to the City
Council that the City prisoners be allowed \$1.⁰⁰ per day
on recommendation of the City Engineer.

It was the consensus of opinion that we ought to make

out a plan for the coming year and try to work it over a
year as possible.

First, to finish up the work incomplete in the former
Committee;

Second, to keep in good repair the streets that are now in
good condition.

Third, to put those streets that lead from the main business
roads to the business part of the city if not already so, in
good repair and keep them so.

Fourth, to improve those streets which from their
topographic location are mainly traveled in going
from one section of the city to another.

Fifth, work on streets that in their present condition practically
ruin the value of the abutting property, and are a menace
to the safety of our citizens that have to use them.

Sixth, opening new streets.

If the citizens generally would extend their curb lines
out the full twenty feet allowed by ordinance on most
streets it would be a great help.

First, in beautifying the streets and reducing the dust
 nuisance.

Second, it would reduce the street surface to be worked and
also allow the growing of such street on which it would
shed the water. The work then done would last much longer
and need less repair than on a worn street.

In this connection would like to call attention to the necessity
of keeping the gutters cleaned out and all culverts kept open
and would suggest that Sanitary and Police force be
required to report on a blotted at the Police Station to
be kept for this purpose all culverts found obstructed and
gutters that need cleaning out, holes in bridges and
streets, and when such defects are removed or repaired
the City Engineer or his foreman enter the date when this
work is done.

Nothing improves the value of property more than good
streets and sidewalks, and we earnestly ask the
co-operation of all our people in this important work,
each citizen should take a pride in the street in front of his
property and a little assistance from each one in seeing
the culverts are kept open and the gutters cleaned in front
of his house would save the city a vast amount each year.
Many of our citizens are asking that the streets in disrepair
be worked and we will thank any citizen to call our
attention to any street in need of repair, but they will see
that with the city's moderate equipment and the very
limited street fund at our command that the
worst places only can be taken care of for the
present.

I wish to assure the Council and Citizens generally it will be our uniform endeavor to give all parts of the City their just proportion of the street work on the plan previously mapped out.

Outside of the regular pay roll this Committee will only ask for appropriations from time to time for specified works so that the Council may know fully where the money is going and where the work is being done.

Respectfully,

J. A. Scott

H. C. Redd

Ed Moore

Mr. W. H. Johnson
of State Department,
& grounds have
part of street

In motion the report of the Committee was adopted by a majority of the Street Committee. It was referred the communication from the State Dept. of Buildings and Grounds asking that he be allowed to use a portion of the streets in making sidewalks around the Governor's Mansion, presented the following report.

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The recommend that the Dept. of Buildings and Grounds be allowed to extend the sidewalk of the Gov. Mansion be extended North 18 feet and east 20 feet

Respectfully,

J. A. Scott

H. C. Redd

Alderman Moore for a minority of said Committee presented the following report

I beg leave to object to the granting of any extension of sidewalks by the State for the reasons

1st That the Streets Colorado and 11th are too narrow and will be made dangerous for pedestrians, and is not just and fair to those who travel these streets. The Street Car Co. had a franchise on 11th which takes up too much room, and the state can by cutting down two trees obviate all this extension!

Therefore it is not right under existing ordinances

Ed Moore

Alderman Crook moved to substitute the minority for the Majority report which motion was lost by the following vote. Years Alderman Armstrong Crook, Moore, Pitt and Wilbourn

Now Alderman Crook, Moore, Pitt, Wilbourn and Polk, Redd, Scott and Smith

In view of Alderman Crook's motion no bill was passed until a later date.

Alderman Pitt was for the Finance Committee to whom was referred the report of the Street Com.

Finance Committee
Report

for the Month of March 1907, presented a report stating that they had checked same and found them correct. The report of the Committee was adopted.

The Mayor stated to the Council that he had made the following changes in the Standing Committees.

Carry Chairman Alderman Crook - over Morland & Kaynes Cemetery " Armstrong & Powell

Our Nation City Attorney Hatch was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council. Alderman Powell for the Police Committee to whom was referred the report of the Marshal for the Month of March 1907, presented a report stating that same had been examined and found correct. The report was adopted. Alderman Petri for the Claims and accounts Committee to whom was referred the petition of J.B. Gaule asking that certain pound fees paid by him be refunded, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted. The report was adopted.

Alderman Petri for the Claims & accounts Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mrs A Peterson, asking to have certain pound fees paid by her be refunded presented a report recommending that the petition be granted. The report was adopted.

Alderman Morland for the Printing Committee to whom was referred the claim of Von Boekman Jones Co, for certain job printing, presented a report recommending that same be paid. On motion the report was adopted.

New Business

Alderman Cuneo moved that the Council now proceed to the election of a dog catcher, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Cuneo nominated C.P. Rankin

Alderman Hatch nominated Wilson Lacroix

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Miller and Armstrong as catchers.

The tellers announced the following as the result of the first ballot. Rankin 7 Lacroix 6. Smith 1.

No one having received a majority a new ballot was ordered.

The tellers announced as a result of the 2nd ballot - Rankin 10 Lacroix 8.

Mr Rankin having received a majority of the ballots

last the Mayor declared him elected dog catcher.

The Mayor submitted the name of C.W. Hill by as one of the Board of Equalization to fill the vacancy caused

by the death of R. Scott as alderman.

On motion the nomination was confirmed.

The Mayor said before the Council for adoption the names of Fred Sherry, Assistant Education Officer,

H. J. Morris City Marshal and D. DeLeonard

changes standing
Committee

Police Marshal
Report

Claims Committee
Pet. of Fix & Knob
Prud'Homme

Ex parte Petition of
Peterson et al.

Printing bill
Von Boekman Jones Co

New Business

Dog Catcher
elected

W.M. Hill
Board of Education

Small City offices

Henry & May Julian
and Mr. Hall

Spelling Committee

Resolution of the
Committee

\$300. to improve
Cemetery

\$1500. in Austin Stone Co.

\$174 - Protection
Co. 3

\$1000. to Austin

to City Engineer, which were on motion referred to the Finance Committee

The City Assessor & Collector submitted the names of Henry & August Zillen for Confirmation as ~~assistant~~^{substitutes} to the Assessor & Collector of Taxes. On motion the appointments were confirmed by the Finance Committee. An ordinance declaring walking upon sidewalks and certain other places a nuisance etc.

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yea's Alderman Armstrong Crookan Duncan Hayes Moreland Miller Moore Moreland Petri Powell Redd Scott Smith Wilhelm
Nay's None

Alderman Cowell offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the City Marshal is hereby authorized to have 2 telephones at the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company placed on 8th Street for the use of the Policemen on that street

By Alderman Crookan an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300. for the purpose of improving the City Cemetery

By Alderman McVean an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1500. for the purpose of paying North Austin Hose Co No 6, in full for all claims to date on account of North Austin Fire Hall. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yea's Alderman Armstrong Crookan Duncan Hayes Moreland Miller Moore Moreland Petri Powell Redd Scott Smith Wilhelm
Nay's None

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By Alderman Crookan an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$725 - for the purpose of paying in full all claims of Protection Hose Co, on account of repair of their Hall

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yea's Alderman Armstrong Crookan Duncan Hayes Moreland Miller Moore Moreland Petri Powell Redd Scott Smith Wilhelm
Nay's None

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Nay's None

By Alderman Powell an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1000 - for the purpose of paying in full all claims of West Austin Fire Co on account of West Austin Fire Hall

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yea's Alderman Armstrong Crookan Duncan Hayes Moreland Miller Moore Moreland Petri Powell Redd Scott Smith Wilhelm
Nay's None

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Nay's None

By Alderman Scott the ordinance was appropriated.

Ex. 100 & 101

the sum of \$250 - for the purpose of employing extra street labor & teams - The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crookshank Hayes Meredith Miller Moore Moreland Petri Powell Redd Scott Smith & Wilhelm 14
Nays None

Ex. 2. Town in Ward

By Alderman Moore. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$250 - for the purpose of raising for Tauch Convenance by stall. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crookshank Hayes Meredith Miller Moore Moreland Petri Powell Redd Scott Smith & Wilhelm 14
Nays None.

\$16^o Typewriting

By Alderman Scott. An ordinance appropriating the sum of six dollars for the purpose of paying for typewriting from specificat. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crookshank Hayes Meredith Miller Moore Moreland Petri Powell Redd Scott Smith & Wilhelm 14
Nays None.

\$200. Improving the 7th Ward

By Alderman Moore an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$200 - for the purpose of improving streets of 7th Ward

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crookshank Hayes Meredith Miller Moore Moreland Petri Powell Redd Scott Smith & Wilhelm 14
Nays None.

\$1000 - Equipment Street work

By Alderman Scott. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1000 - for the purpose of purchasing equipment with which to work the streets of Austin. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crookshank Hayes Meredith Miller Moore Moreland Petri Powell Redd Scott Smith & Wilhelm 14
Nays None

On Motion Alderman Moore was excused from turned attendance at this session of the council. A ordinance cast \$1000.00 upon making the sum of \$5500 - for the purpose of buying lumber to be used sidewalk work on certain streets in the city of Austin. The ordinance was cast the first time and passed

Under Suspension of the rules by the following Vall
Years Aldermen A. Armstrong Crookshank Emeckaynes Meredith
Miller Moreland Petri Powell Redd Scott Smith & Wilhelms 13
May none.

On motion Alderman Powell was excused from further
Attendance on this session of the Council.

On the recommendation of the Mayor fines imposed in the
Assessors Court against Mrs. Trebber & Mrs. Fletcher were remitted
Alderman Wilhelms offered the following resolution which
was read and adopted

Letter from F.M. Gladys Mayor & City Council

Be it resolved that all day laborers receive the sum of one
dollar & seventy five cents per day (\$1.75) the same to take effect
on and after its passage.

Alderman Scott offered the following resolution which was
read and adopted.

Whereas, in various parts of the City of Austin from time to
time the Culverts at street intersections have become stopped
up, unhealthy and in bad condition from the accumulation
of trash, and there is not now any effective means of
ascertaining from time to time when and where the said Culverts
are stopped up and in performing the duties for which they
were installed.

Therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin
that for the better health of the City of Austin, and for the
purpose of preventing stagnant water standing in the streets
of the City of Austin, and for the purpose of protecting the
people of the City of Austin and the tracts of the City of
Austin, and for the purpose of having the same properly
drained, it is made the duty of the City Sanitary Inspector and
his employes and to each and every policeman in the City
of Austin to observe from time to time the Culverts at
intersections of the Streets and Alleys of the City of Austin,
and to report, in writing, when any Culvert or ditch at any
intersection of any street is stopped up or closed up by trash
or otherwise.

And be it further resolved that it shall be the duty of
the Police Clerk of the City of Austin to keep a book for
the purpose of recording the reports of such officers on the
Condition of such Culverts and drains, and it shall be the
duty of such officer to report the same in
writing and to place the same in writing on said book kept
for such purpose, and when such report is made in
writing, it shall be referred to the City Council of the City
of Austin, and when said Council so desired is
referred, the same shall be checked off and an entry
made in the same book and account, likewise with new
correction and replacement.

Time was taken &
no action resulted

increase in pay laborers

Resolution regarding
Culverts, drains etc

written account by Alderman Haynes An Ordinance appropriating the
sum of \$1509.77 for the purpose of paying approved accounts.
The ordinance was read the first time and passed under
Suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Broken Bow, Haynes, Moreland
(Allen Moreland, Petri Redd, Scott, Smith & Wilhelms 12
Nays None.

In Motion the Council adjourned -

J.W. Johnson
City Clerk